

**THE MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNTERSVILLE, ALABAMA  
HELD ON DECEMBER 5<sup>th</sup> 2022**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Guntersville, Alabama met in a pre-meeting in City Hall in said city on December 5<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 11:30 a.m. to discuss matters to come before the Council. In a regular meeting in Town Hall at 12:00 p.m. Mayor Leigh Dollar presided as Chairman of the meeting. The following members of the Council were present: Sanchez Watkins, Larry Wilson, John Myers, Carson Ray, Dink Myers and Randy Whitaker. Rich Russell was absent. Betty Jones acted as City Clerk for the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Randy Whitaker. Mayor Dollar welcomed visitors and declared that a quorum was present and opened the meeting for business.

**Minutes**

Mayor Dollar announced that copies of the minutes from the November 21<sup>st</sup> Regular Meeting have been distributed to the members of the Council. There being no corrections or additions the same on motion duly made and second stood approved.

**Personnel Report** – Mayor Dollar called upon Renea Rowan to give the Personnel Report:

**Sanitation:** Jamie Bishop, Interim Sanitation Supervisor, recommended Mr. Austin Roberson and Henry Malone, Jr. for full-time positions of Laborer. Both accepted our job offer and began as a full-time employee on Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup> 2022 and both have been working in a temporary status. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Watkins and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Reschedule Upcoming Council Meetings**

Mayor Dollar recommended to move of the next 3 Council Meeting dates to the following:

December 19<sup>th</sup> to December 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023 to January 3<sup>rd</sup> 12:00 noon

January 16<sup>th</sup> to January 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

Motion to approve date changes was made by Councilman Dink Myers and seconded by Councilman Ray and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Public Hearing for a Request by Valley Holdings LLC**

Mayor Dollar announced that this portion of the meeting will be a public hearing for a request by Valley Holdings LLC to vacate an alley that runs from Starnes Street to Carlisle Avenue. This has been recommended by the Planning Commission. This was a platted road that had never been developed. No one spoke in opposition or support. Motion to approve by **Resolution No. 1289** was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded Councilman Watkins and passed on the following roll call vote:

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| 1. Sanchez Watkins | Yes | 5. Dink Myers     | Yes    |
| 2. Larry Wilson    | Yes | 6. Rich Russell   | Absent |
| 3. John Myers      | Yes | 7. Randy Whitaker | Yes    |
| 4. Carson Ray      | Yes | 8. Leigh Dollar   | Yes    |

**Annexation Request from Hampton Hills Subdivision LLC**

Mayor Dollar announced that this portion of the meeting will be a public hearing on the annexation request from Hampton Hills Subdivision LLC by Matthew Hampton with M & K Properties LLC for property located on Wyeth Drive. This has been approved by the Planning Commission. Mayor Dollar read a description of both tracts being annexed then Building Official on Jimmy Hanson to explain the difference in RS1 and RS2. Mr. Hanson stated RS1 is 15,000 sq ft, with 100 ft building line and 40 ft set back and RS2 is 10,000 sq ft, with 75 ft building line and a 35ft set back. No one spoke in opposition. The developer Matthew Hampton of 12722 Lookingbill Ln, Athens, spoke in support. He stated this would be a uniform development with concrete driveways and safe site drives going in and out. Councilman Ray asked the number of lots and Mr. Hampton said 68, but it could change. Councilman Whitaker stated he was concerned about the lot size with an RS2 instead of RS1 and asked when he would have the final plat? Mr. Hampton stated he planned to have bigger lots on front and smaller at the back, some property was not suitable to build on. Mr. Hampton stated that Sain Co. had done a traffic study and Wyeth Drive was not at capacity. Councilman Wilson asked him to talk about the stop sign and Mr. Hampton stated he planned a 3-way stop for safety. Mr. Hampton was asked to present his site plan to the council and he left the meeting to get it out of his truck.

**Set a Public Hearing for Ewin Properties DBA Pizza ED**

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to set a public hearing for Ewin Properties DBA Pizza ED for a On and Off Premise Beer and Wine License located at 373 Gunter Ave, Guntersville AL 35976. This will be held Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023. Motion to set hearing was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman John Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**½ Cent Sales Tax Presentation**

Mayor Dollar reported on the ½ Cent Sales Tax collected by the City stating that \$\$2,015,839.92 was collected and \$1,500,000.00 was spent on paving and the Recreation Center Gym improvements, with a balance of \$716,743.21 for this fiscal year. Mayor Dollar called on Superintendent Barnett to report on the School Board’s \$2,015,839.92. Dr. Barnett reported expenditures on repairs and upgrades of \$509,689.51 and debt service of \$2.2 million. Combined with the previous year ½ cent tax the balance was \$1.4 million. Dr. Barnett reported on the High School progress stating that the onsite prep cost was \$6.5 million and that Thrash has been selected to build the new school at a cost of \$53.5 million over a 28-month time period. Councilman Wilson asked if there was an error and omissions clause, was there an allowance for final demo, was there a third-party engineer included and what was the shingle roof warranty? Dr. Barnett replied yes to all the questions and stated there was a 40-year shingle warranty.

**Mayor’s Youth Council**

Mayor Dollar introduced the Mayor’s Youth Council and has each one come to the microphone and introduce themselves and state what they represented on the Youth Council.

**Announcements:**

- Christmas Parade at 5:00 p.m. Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup> and the Boat Parade at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Hampton brought in a plat for the council to see. All council members present examined the plat and listened to plans by Mr. Hampton. After examination and discussion C. Whitaker thanked Mr. Hampton for investing in Guntersville and made a motion to annex the property as RS2 by **Ordinance No. 1137**. C. John Myers seconded and the following roll call vote was recorded. All yes Russell absent.

22 Ukestars presented two Christmas songs to the council and audience to get everyone in the Christmas mood and was enjoyed by all.

**There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council at this time, the meeting on motion duly made and seconded, stood adjourned until December 12<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 5:00 p.m.**

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2022**

**CITY OF GUNTERSVILLE, ALABAMA  
A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION**

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**LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**BETTY JONES, CITY CLERK**